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MEMORANDUM TO IAC

Orally to IAC by DCI at meeting
of IAC Friday Mar 30. PZ

FOREIGN ATTACHES IN THE UNITED STATES

- References:
- a. Circular Memo from General Cabell February 27, 1950.
 - b. Reply from DCI March 6, 1950.
 - c. Letter from General Cabell March 29, 1950.

1. As you know, from the above mentioned references, I am in sympathy with the substance of General Cabell's proposal but think this matter should be determined by the Departments of State and Defense since it is not within the competency of this Agency.

2. However, since General Cabell desires to have an initial study of the problem by an ad hoc committee composed of representatives of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, I suggest that your representatives interested in this matter meet, as proposed in Paragraph 3 of Reference c., in my Conference Room on the ground floor of the Administration Building, 2430 E St., N. W. at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 12. [redacted] of my Coordination, Operations, and Policy Staff will be my representative. 25X1

R. H. HILLENKOETTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central
Intelligence

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Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
2530 E Street, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

Your reply of 6 March 1950 to my circular memorandum dated 27 February 1950, concerning the establishment of a high level policy with respect to the treatment of USSR attachés accredited to the United States, is acknowledged.

It is recognized that the establishment of this policy with respect to attachés is of primary concern to the Departments of Defense and State, but it was believed that the over-all effect which the establishment of a more stringent U. S. policy would have on U. S. collection efforts abroad and on the control and supervision of USSR attachés in the United States required the consideration of the problem at the IAC level.

While I agree that it is not within the competency of the CIA or IAC to change our diplomatic policy, I feel that an initial study of the problem by an ad hoc committee composed of IAC representatives will greatly assist and expedite the formulation of a policy by the Secretaries of State and Defense which will be in consonance with the interests of the other IAC agencies. For this reason, it is hoped that the CIA and other IAC member agencies will concur with my recommendation of 27 February 1950 and nominate ad hoc committee members for the purpose of developing a recommended U. S. policy.

Your offer to submit to the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State a statement endorsing the imposition of restrictions on Soviet and Satellite attachés, comparable to those placed on our own attachés abroad, is greatly appreciated, and it is believed that such a statement would be most helpful.

Pertinent to my proposal, attention of the IAC members is invited to House Joint Resolution 433, introduced in the 2d Session of the 81st Congress on 4 March 1950, "To provide that the United States shall withhold from representatives of foreign nations privileges which such nations withhold from representatives of the United States".

Sincerely,

C. P. Cabell

C. P. CABELL
Major General, USAF

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EXCERPT FROM MINUTES OF IAC MEETING - 31 MARCH 1950

II. POLICY CONCERNING SOVIET AND SATELLITE SERVICE ATTACHES IN THE U. S.

15. THE DCI stated that he had one more item: the treatment to be accorded Soviet and Satellite Service Attaches in this country. General Cabell had proposed that the subject be considered by the IAC. The DCI's reply was that this was a matter almost completely for the Departments of State and Defense. Since General Cabell still felt, however, that the DCI should make some recommendations in this connection, he was willing to form an ad hoc committee to make a preliminary study for the IAC. If agreeable to all, this ad hoc committee would meet for the first time at 1400 Wednesday, 12 April 1950 in the DCI's Conference Room under the Chairmanship of [redacted]

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16. Action: All members of the IAC agreed to furnish representatives for the ad hoc committee as proposed by the DCI.

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